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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN DECISION ON DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON

REF: OSLO 4034

1. MFA ECONOMIC DIRECTOR BOGH INFORMED DCM LATE SEPTEMBER 6TH THAT GON HAS INSTRUCTED ITS CHARGE IN WASHINGTON TO ATTEND SIGNING CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 7TH. BOGH STATED THAT GON DID NOT FEEL IT COULD COMMIT ITSELF TO SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON SINCE THE DECLARATION HAD THE PURPOSE OF FORMALLY APPROVING TREATIES THE TEXTS OF WHICH THE GON HAS NEITHER SEEN NOR STUDIED.

2. AS A RESULT, NORWEGIAN CHARGE IS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A SEPARATE STATEMENT WHICH WILL WELCOME THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE TWO TREATIES AND EXPRESS NORWAY'S GREAT SATISFACTION, AS A MAJOR USER OF THE CANAL, THAT THE US AND PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AGREE ON TERMS OF OPERATING THIS IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY.

3. BOGH NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT FELT THAT EVEN IF THE GON RECEIVED THE TEXTS OF THE TREATIES NOW, TIME WOULD BE TOO SHORT TO ALLOW THE KIND OF LEGAL ANALYSIS THE GON CONSIDERED NECESSARY BEFORE SIGNING THE DECLARATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GON FELT THAT IF A LARGE NUMBER OF OTHER THIRD PARTIES (HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED COUNTRIES LIKE THE UK, SWEDEN, CONFIDENTIAL

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NETHERLANDS AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY) DECIDED THEY COULD SIGN THE JOINT DECLARATION, NORWAY DID NOT WANT TO BE ISOLATED OR A "MAVERICK." THEREFORE THEIR CHARGE WOULD BE GIVEN NEW INSTRUCTIONS IF A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE THIRD PARTIES INTENDED TO SIGN THE DECLARATION.

4. COMMENT: STRONGLY URGE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE THE NORWEGIAN

EMBASSY AN UP-TO-DATE RUNDOWN ON THE INTENTIONS OF THIRD PARTIES
SINCE THERE IS STILL A CHANCE THE NORWEGIANS COULD BE INDUCED
TO SIGN THE DECLARATION IF ENOUGHT OTHER COUNTRIES PLAN TO DO SO.

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